since the above change took place in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the per capita availability of electricity before and after the change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Consequent to enactment of the Reforms Act in 1998, Orissa and the National Capital Territory of Delhi have privatized distribution in their States.

(c) and (d) The distribution in Orissa was privatised in 1999 when the Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses were very high, the billing and collection efficiency was very poor, the status of metering was not encouraging. Consequent on privatisation of distribution, signs of improvement on these and other operational levels are visible. The process of restructuring of the electricity industry including privatisation of distribution in Orissa was reviewed by the State Government and it was decided that the upvaluation of the assets of the erstwhile State Electricity Board (SEB) may be kept in abeyance as it was resulting in increase in the cost of power and making it difficult for the sector to achieve commercial viability.

In Delhi, distribution has been privatised recently in July 2002. Prior to privatisation, the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) loss levels as approved by the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) for the 3 distribution zones taken together were at 50.7%. It is too early to assess the impact of distribution privatisation in Delhi.

Central Government's stockholding in BSES

2280. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Central Government's stockholding in Bombay Suburban Electricity Supply (BSES);

(b) whether recently the mangement control of BSES has been taken over by a private party; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) M/s. BSES Limited (formerly known as Bombay Suburban Electric Supply Limited) have informed that the Central Government does not hold any shares in their company.

(b) and (c) M/s. BSES Limited have informed that the control and management of M/s. BSES Limited has been taken over by the Reliance Group consisting of M/s. Reliance Power Ventures Limited, Reliance Industries and Reliance Industrial and Investment Holdings Limited following a Cash Offer to the shareholders of BSES pursuant to Regulation 11(1) and 12 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 1997.

Power to all houses in the country

†2281. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down the target to provide power to all houses in the country by 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the average number of houses which have been provided with the power in the rural and urban areas in the country by the end of December, 2002; and

(c) the number of rural and urban regions alongwith the number of houses targeted to be provided with the power, year-wise, during the next ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Government has resolved to complete electrification of all households in the country by 2012.

(b) According to 1991 census, 31% of rural households and 76% urban households have been electrified in the country;

(c) The priorities and year-wise targets for execution of village electrification programme including households electrification are determined by the State Electricity Boards/Power Utilities depending upon the policies and directions of the State Governments. However, States have assured to complete electrification of all households by 2012.

Employment provided under SGSY

2282. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 125 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 2003 and state the total number of swarojgaries provided self-employment in Orissa, year-wise under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana?

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